Functioning of Co-operative Banks in Gujarat

2088. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of co-operative banks functioning in Gujarat State;

(b) the total amount of loan disbursed by these banks in the State during the last two years; and

(c) the percentage of recovery of loans by these banks in the State during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) The co-operative structure in Gujarat State comprises of two wings viz. short term and long term. Under the short term wing, one State Co-operative Bank (SCB) and 18 District Central Co-operative Banks (DCCBs) are functioning in the State. The long term co-operative credit structure is a unitary one with the Gujarat State Co-operative Agriculture and Rural Development Bank (GSCARDB) functioning at the apex level with 178 branches functioning at the primary level all over the State.

(b) The total amount of loans disbursed by the co-operative banks in the State during the last two years were Rs. 695.70 crores and Rs. 750.98 crores in 1992-93 and 1993-94 respectively.

(c) The recovery percentage of these banks was as under :

Year	DCCBs	GSCARDB
1992-93 . . .	67	63
1993-94 . . .	70	63

Subsidy for Indian Industries

2089. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are giving subsidy to the Indian industries;

(b) if so, in what form this is being given and the total amount of subsidy; and

(c) what other forms of protection to the industry apart from subsidy is being provided at present ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) and (b) Details of subsidies, including those given to industry during 1992-93, 1993-94 (RE) and 1994-95 (BE) are given below :

(Figures in Rupees Crore)

		Actuals	Revised	Budget
		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
	A. Major Subsidies	9415	10300	8300
1.	Food	2800	5200	4000
2.	Indigenous Fertilizer	4800	3800	3500
3.	Imported Fertilizer	996	600	500
4.	Fertilizers subsidy to small & merginal farmers .	—	—	
5.	Export promotion and Market Development . .	819	700	300
	B. Debt Relief to Farmers	1500	500	341
	C. Other Subsidies	1128	1600	822
6.	Railways	341	405	403
7.	Mill-made Cloth	15	16	10
8.	Handloom Cloth	194	190	205
9.	Import/Export of sugar Edible Oils etc. . . .	—	—	—
10.	Interest Subsidies	112	113	112
11.	Assistance for fertilizer promotion . . .	340	632	—
12.	Other Subsidies	126	244	92
	TOTAL SUBSIDIES	12043	12400	9463

(c) Measures for providing protection to Indian industries include;

— 15 industries are under licensing on strategic, safety and environmental grounds.

— 6 areas viz. Atomic energy, coal and lignite, Defence products, Mineral oils, Minerals specified in the Automic Energy Order, 1953, railways transport are reserved for production in the Public Sector.

— Foreign investment is allowed on selective basis. Automatic approval of foreign investment upto 51 per cent is permitted for 35 priority industries. Foreign equity in other cases is determined on case by case basis, except for certain concessions for the Non-Resident Indians and the Foreign Institutional Investors.

— Several reforms have been taken in the spheres of trade, industry, financial and public sectors to enhance efficiency, productivity and competitiveness of Indian industries.

Introduction of Paging Service in AIR

2090. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal to introduce paging services;

(b) whether his Ministry has sent necessary direction to AIR in this regard;

(c) if so the steps taken by the All India Radio in this regard; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. All India Radio has selected five Indian companies for operating a radio paging service using its FM transmitters in the following cities :

Allahabad, Bareilly, Bhopal, Calcutta, Cochin, Delhi, Hyderabad, Indore, Jalandhar, Madras, Mumbai, Nagpur, Patna, Pune, Rourkela, Surat and Tirupati.

The service is expected to become operational in January, 1995.

Issuance of order by External Services Division, AIR

2091. SHRI K. R. MALKANI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that on 15th September, 1994 the External Services Division, All India Radio issued the office order that it has been decided that with effect from Sunday the 2nd October, 1994 each and every transmission of "External Services Division", irrespective of language will commence with the words "Vande Mataram" and close with the words "Jai Hind";

(b) whether it is also a fact that its order dated 1st October, 1994 by the same authority on the same subject said "It has been decided to keep this decision in abeyance till further orders"; and

(c) if so, the reasons for the reversal of a patriotic order?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The decision to maintain status-quo was taken by All India Radio after a review was conducted.

Air Station at Sibsagar, Assam

2092. SHRI BHADRESHWAR GOHAIN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) what are the new Radio Stations which are scheduled to be inaugurated during the next financial year; and

(b) what is the present position of the proposed Low Power Radio Station at Sibsagar in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) As given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(b) There is no proposal to set up a radio Station at Sibsagar in Assam, as the entire district of Sibsagar is covered by the 200 KW MW High Power Transmitter at Dibrugarh. Besides, 50 KW SW Transmitter at Guwahati is also providing support service to the whole district.

Statement

List of New Radio Stations Scheduled to be Commissioned during the next Financial Year (upto 31-3-96)

State	S. No.	Place
Arunachal Pradesh	1.	Ziro
Assam	2.	Diphu